1. Workspace – Steve Hutsell reported that Version of the workspace has been made available to a limited number of districts for final testing. If all previously reported bugs have been fixed and no new major bugs are found then Version 1.3 will be made available on the CADD/GIS Technology center web site on 3 April 2000. Version 2.0 is tentatively scheduled to be released in conjunction with the St. Louis Symposium being held in May.

2. SAD Meeting – A meeting with Steve Spangler (CADD/GIS Technology Center) and various districts in SAD was held in early March. Mobile District demonstrated their own in-house designed and programmed workspace for implementing the Tri-Service standards. It has a different look and feel then The Center Workspace but still implements the same standards. A discussion followed to outline procedures for keeping people "up to date" on the standards and the workspace as well as the best way to incorporate local changes (if widely appropriate) into the newest release of the standards. It was proposed that "The Center" e-mail the Systems FAC mailing list quarterly with a "call for suggestions and changes". The Center would then evaluate and incorporate any received comments from the field and notify the same e-mail list of the release date of the next updated release. If you have any comments or suggestion for improving this process, please e-mail Debbie Solis in Jacksonville District.

3. Symposium -- There are SAC and FAC meetings scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2000. Also, we are responsible for staffing and filling one of the 4 corps sponsored booths. If you will be at the symposium and can spare a couple hours to work the booth, please let Debbie Solis know. Also, if you have any ideas of things we can show, or if you have something to show contact John Kincaid to sign up for some time to demonstrate at the booth. We are looking not just for technology related things, but interesting projects that may be going on in your district. One suggestion is to put the Workspace Training Manuals as well as the File Manager and converted MDL utilities on a CD to hand out to interested participants.

4. EDMS – Jean McGinn announced that EDMS from headquarters is not going to be happening anytime soon … so if your district would like to go out and purchase their own EDMS they can send a letter to HQ IM office to get a waiver. One condition of the waiver is that you must agree to convert to the corps EDMS once it is available. For details on this issue contact Jean.

5. EBS – Mike Watson is trying to organize a meeting with developers from Intergraph, Bentley, AutoDesk, and Momentum to discuss methods to automate more of the EBS process. He has submitted this project to The Center for FY2001 funding. You can check The Center web page under new project submissions to see the details. If it fails to get funded through the center, there may be money available from the SAC.

6. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2000, 10:00 CST, (404) 562-4365